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To whom it may concern.

As you might know - For a computer to be useful for people to use, it must have what is known as a "killer application".

For several years Microsoft has been gobbling up or putting out of business every company that makes any product that has to do with office productivity.

I.E. Word Processor, Spread Sheet, Presentation Software, etc. They, then, have been making this technology work only on the Microsoft operating system platform.

My suggestion is - Not To Breakup Microsoft - But force them to port their killer applications, (Word, XL, PowerPoint, ETC), to the other major operating systems.

This way, we, (The Consumers), could choose the hardware and operating system that meets our requirements separate from the application software we need to be productive.

In other words - If I decide to buy a Ford, I'm still free to put any set of tires I wish onto my Ford, I'm not required to use Firestone tires.

The application software, (Tires), should be separate from the Operating System, (Ford).

There are many superior operating systems out there, but we are forced to use an inferior operating system because we must use the defacto standard office productivity software. Thanks.

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